



# Cape Cod Currents



## Cape Cod Chapter Military Officers Association of America

**November 2013 Event – USCG Air Station Cape Cod Update**  
by CAPT Stephen Torpey USCG, Commanding Officer

**Tuesday 12 Nov 2013 – 1130 registration; meal 1200**

**Location: USCG Air Station Cape Cod Falcon Golf Course Clubhouse**  
**Joint Base Cape Cod – Goenther Road, Buzzards Bay MA 02664 508.968.6453**

**Cost: \$25.00/person Reservations: by 5 November 2013 to John Martins – see page 6**

Buffet menu – choice of chicken marsala or fish of the day plus salad, mashed potatoes, butternut squash, assorted desserts, coffee & tea at bar; cash bar available



1) The audience concentrates on the 10 Sep presentation “Advanced Directives and Medical Orders” by member Bill Yates, elder law attorney. (For a copy of his three articles on this from the June and July 2013 *Currents*, contact the editor – info at end of issue). 2) Attendees enjoy the Scholarship Fund raffle and fellowship on 10 Sep at Yarmouth House Restaurant.

**OUR SPEAKER** [from USCG Air Station Cape Cod web site] Captain Stephen H. Torpey reported aboard Air Station Cape Cod 3 June 2013, having just served as the Chief of Response for the Ninth Coast Guard District in Cleveland, OH, where he was primarily charged with the management of all law enforcement, search and rescue, pollution response, operational communications, and intelligence programs within the Great Lakes region.

Prior to his assignment at the Ninth Coast Guard District, Captain Torpey served as the Executive Officer and Operations Officer at Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod where he managed 350 active duty and civilian personnel along with four HU-25 jet aircraft and four MH-60 helicopters. Prior to that, he was the Aviation Program Manager within the Office of Aviation Forces at Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington D.C. He managed the Coast Guard's aviation budget, billet assignments, and facilities in support of 200 aircraft, the planning and integration of new aircraft and equipment including Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS), and the development of aircrew training and aviation survival programs.

His other operational tours include Air Station Clearwater, Aviation Training Center Mobile as an H-60 Standardization Instructor, Air Station Sitka, and Air Station San Francisco. He is qualified in both the HH-3F and MH-60J.

Captain Torpey was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for an heroic rescue in Alaska and was listed as the 1999 Aircrew of the Year by the Naval Helicopter Association and the Association of Naval Aviation. His other decorations include three Meritorious Service Medals, three Coast Guard Commendation Medals, two Coast Guard Achievement Medals, and multiple unit and team commendations.

He is married to the former Kari L. MacLean of Cedarville, MI and has two children, Connor (14) and Jordan (12). Captain Torpey is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering and holds a master's degree in Organizational Management from the University of Phoenix.

**REPRESENTATION** A good number of Chapter folks attended the funeral and interment of Mario Ciara on 3 Sep 2013. Thank you from the Board of Directors for assembling in support of Elaine and of Mario's family and friends.

**Upcoming events already set**

09 Oct 2013, Wed	1000 – Chapter Officers meeting, Falcon Club, Joint Base Cape Cod
<b>12 Nov 2013, Tue</b>	<b>Lunch, Falcon Club House</b> with CAPT Stephen Torpey USCG
13 Nov 2013, Wed	1000 – Chapter Officers meeting, Falcon Club, Joint Base Cape Cod
<b>10 Dec 2013, Tue</b>	<b>Lunch, Riverway Lobster House, South Yarmouth with CAPT John Kondratowicz</b> USCG, Commander, USCG Sector Southeastern New England, plus our annual <b>Toys for Tots</b> donation collection
11 Dec 2013, Wed	1000 – Chapter Officers meeting, Falcon Club, Joint Base Cape Cod
<b>11 Mar 2014, Tue</b>	Lunch, Holiday Inn, Falmouth with sing-along led by Cathy Bonnett

**FROM TREASURER JOHN MARTINS RE: 2014 DUES**

“We’ve had a **great response so far** by our members. At this rate we are on track to cover the 2014 dues without having to send out separate mailings.” **Keep those dues payments coming!**

**IT IS 2014 ANNUAL DUES TIME - \$25.00 – the form on page 6 is to accompany payment.**  
**PLEASE NOTE: only regular members pay dues!** Auxiliary, Honorary and Life members do not. “Life” means only those so designated by the Chapter, not national MOAA life members. Auxiliary members are surviving spouses of former members.

**Treasurer John Martins reported on 1 Oct 2013 the following balances.**

Charity Fund 09/30/13	\$ 447.47	Scholarship Fund 09/30/13	\$ 4,251.15
Operating Fund 09/30/13	\$ 2,573.77		

**Planned for the future**

08 Apr 2014, Tue	TBD
03 May 2014, Sat	Lunch, Coonamesset Inn, Falmouth; scholarship awards speaker TBD
10 Jun 2014, Tue	Annual Meeting with possible 1700 start time – details, speaker TBD
08 Jul 2014, Tue	Lunch, Falcon Club House – details, speaker TBD

**A Funny Thing Happened** on the way to our prospective April 2014 event: the key person holding the business licenses for the Captains Club at the Brewster Golf Course was arrested for involvement with illegal drugs. The licenses have not been able to be transferred to another individual at this time, thus causing operations to be suspended. The Program Committee will seek another venue for that event.

**The Chapter's Newest Member** is COL Richard B. O'Connor USA (Retired), Falmouth. (You may request further contact information from Treasurer John Martins.) The Board of Directors approved his affiliation in September 2013. Rich served 37 years as both enlisted and officer in the areas of supply, maintenance, transportation, distribution and emergency management, including squadron and brigade commander tours in Iraq (2005-2006) and Afghanistan (2010-2011). Staff assignments included DOA and JCS, plus a posting as Defense Coordinating Officer for FEMA Region VIII, which provides Defense support to civil authorities during national emergencies, natural or man-made disasters and other approved activities. A Needham native, he has degrees from Northeastern U., Boston (BS), the Naval Postgraduate School (MS), and the National Defense University, Washington DC (MS). He is married to the former Valerie Brown from Newburyport, MA and they have a son Ryan, age 27, who served in the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division as a Cavalry Scout, deploying in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom IV from 2005-2007. He is currently serving as a police officer in Greenwood Village, Colorado.

**JBCC Falmouth gate** – drill weekends open: 5-6 Oct, 2-3 Nov, 7-8 Dec.

**Massachusetts Maritime Academy's Sealed Bid Boat Sale** will be held at Joint Base Cape Cod on Saturday and Sunday, **23 and 24 Nov 2012, 1000 to 1600** on both days. Entrance (those without ID) is via the Falmouth gate (north on Sandwich Road from Route 151). The sale location is less than one-half mile inside the Falmouth security post, where Simkins Road turns the corner to become South Truck Road. The inventory is at [www.maritime.edu/apps/boats](http://www.maritime.edu/apps/boats), subject to change; many postings include pictures. The final list is available on the grounds. A 10% deposit accompanies each bid payable by personal check, AMEX, MasterCard, Discover (2.65% convenience fee for credit cards).

**USCG Air Station Cape Cod Unit History** [adapted from the ASCC web site] In May of 1925, three of the Coast Guard's first seaplanes began operations at Ten Pound Island, near Gloucester, MA. The island became, in effect, the first CG Air Station, and later became a pilot training and communications testing facility.

With little room to expand at Gloucester, a new air station was established at Salem, MA in 1935. In 1941 air crews from Salem began flying neutrality patrols along the coast, and the war years saw the air station roster increase to 37 aircraft, making it the second largest station on

the east coast.

On October 21, 1944, Air Station Salem was officially designated as the first US Air-Sea Rescue service on the eastern seaboard. In 1950, Air Detachment Quonset Point, Rhode Island was established as a sub unit of Air Station Salem.

During the 1950's, helicopters were introduced with a great deal of success as a rescue platform. With the development of the HH-52A, an amphibious helicopter, the need for a flying boat was lessened. Therefore air stations having only water landing capabilities, such as Salem, were phased out.

In the 1960's, the Coast Guard began searching for a replacement facility, one that could grow as needed and accommodate modern aircraft. In 1968, the Department of Defense agreed to allow the Coast Guard to use Otis Air Force Base on Cape Cod for a new Coast Guard air station. Air Station Cape Cod was officially established on August 29, 1970.

From 1970 until 2005, the Massachusetts Air National Guard maintained a significant aviation presence on the airfield and managed all aspects of airfield operations. Most recently, the 102nd Fighter Wing sprang into action just minutes after the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City, mobilizing more than 600 Wing members for Operation Noble Eagle.

However in 2005, the Base Realignment and Closure Act set a path that transformed the 102nd Fighter Wing into the 102nd Intelligence Wing, redistributing its aviation resources to other units throughout the Air National Guard. This change led to ASCC assuming full responsibility for airfield operations beginning October 1, 2008. Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod transformed the Cold War vintage Air Force facility into a 100% Coast Guard operation to include all aspects of airfield management: maintenance, approach lighting, tower operations, weather forecasting, navigation aids and snow removal.

**Support Activities** As the DOD tenants of Joint Base Cape Cod – JBCC (formerly Massachusetts Military Reservation [MMR] and Otis Air Force Base) realigned over the past 30 years, Coast Guard presence on the premises continued to grow, emerging in the early 2000's as the largest active duty military contingent.

The Commanding Officer of the Air Station fills a dual role, running the Air Station as well as serving as the “Mayor” of military housing and support services. While ASCC is the third largest physical plant in the Coast Guard, it better compares to a major support command than a traditional air station.

Other CG units on JBCC include the CG Northeastern Regional Fisheries Training Center, Electronic Support Detachment Cape Cod, Marine Safety Detachment Cape Cod, Communications Station Boston, Atlantic Area Armory, Port Security Unit 301, and the CG Investigative Service. In addition, ASCC provides world class medical support to all tenant DOD agencies at Kaehler Memorial Medical Clinic. Offering medical, dental and pharmaceutical services, Kaehler Clinic was recognized as the CG's Health Care Facility of the Year for 2007.

In all, over 520 CG personnel call JBCC home.

**CCC Participation** There were **43** members and guests on the roster for the 10 Sep 2013 “Advanced Directives and Medical Orders” presentation at the Yarmouth House restaurant. The 09 Jul 2013 update on the 102nd Intelligence Wing at the Falcon Club lunch had **37** on its list.

**A Tax Time Reminder** Tolls paid on the Massachusetts Turnpike and on other roads may be used as an itemized deduction amount, but they must be properly documented. For those with

Massachusetts transponders (EZ Pass, FastLane) and who use the web site [www.ezpassma.com](http://www.ezpassma.com), clicking on the proper selection will provide an amount to be filed when the year is over. Right now only 2012 is available. After 01 Jan 2014 the amount for 2013 should be shown. It is a simple thing to do – and an easy item to overlook.

**MOAA Scholarship Recipients on Cape Cod** MOAA national headquarters reports that educational assistance went to five Cape people: Benjamin Lagasse, Orleans; Chelsea Allen, Forestdale; Jeffrey Lynch, Mashpee; Kaitlyn Stuck, Bourne; and Theodore Purdy, Mashpee. The value of these awards included a total of \$1,000 in grants and \$26,500 in interest free loans.

President Don Lynde says, “We should publish this so our membership can see that it is important also to belong to MOAA national, which is one of our Chapter requirements for regular members, because national assists our local kids with their educational expenses.”

**Scholarship Recipient Thanks** 09/09/13 "Dear Ed Lambert and Military Officers Association, I was happy to learn that I was a recipient of the Military Officers Association of America Scholarship. I am writing to thank you for your generous financial support towards my higher education. I am intending to be a mathematics and dance major who eventually works with elementary children.

I am currently a freshman at Connecticut College and plan on graduating in spring of 2017. In my family we grew up in Osterville and although we didn't have a lot of money, going to help volunteer and teach dance classes was something I enjoyed while also spending time with my family at the beach. I plan on studying abroad some time in the future but I am currently unsure of where. Upon graduation, I will seek employment in areas of study regarding math, dance, and education.

By awarding me this scholarship, I will be able to focus on my education and put all my energy into doing well in my classes. Your generosity is allowing me to make my goals and dreams a reality. I hope in turn one day I will be able to give back and help other students achieve their goals. Thank you so much.

Sincerely, /signed/ Ashley Barattini

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<p><b><i>CCC MOAA Scholarship and Charity Fund contribution</i></b> Chapter members and any others who would like to make a federal tax deductible donation to either our Charity or Scholarship Fund may do so by providing the requested information and mailing a check or money order.</p> <p>The Chapter thanks you very much for your generosity.</p>	
<p>I/we, _____, contribute to the CCC MOAA          [please print name(s) legibly]</p>	
<p><b><i>Scholarship Fund</i></b> the amount of</p>	<p>\$50 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 <input type="checkbox"/> \$200 <input type="checkbox"/> Other \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p><b><i>Charity Fund</i></b> the amount of</p>	<p>\$50 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 <input type="checkbox"/> \$200 <input type="checkbox"/> Other \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Make instruments payable to CCC MOAA with a “memo” indicating the fund name.          Mail to CCC MOAA, PO Box 1553, Mashpee MA 02649-1553.</p>	
<p>Signature _____</p>	<p>Date _____ check # _____</p>

**Reservation – 12 Nov 2013 Event: USCG Air Station Cape Cod update**

1130 – Falcon Club, Goenther Road, Joint Base Cape Cod

Name \_\_\_\_\_ entrée: fish  chicken marsala

Guest \_\_\_\_\_ entrée: fish  chicken marsala

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Cost: **\$25.00** per person – checks to CCC MOAA – **responses** due not later than **05 Nov 2013**

check # \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed

**Mail to Col John Martins USAF, 137 Curley Blvd, North Falmouth MA 02556-2725**

email – john.martins@Comcast.net phone – 508.392.9102 deadline day phone-ins accepted if necessary

**2014 ANNUAL DUES. PLEASE INCLUDE THIS FORM WITH PAYMENT.**

**Fill in all applicable spaces – the Board needs the information for its files.**

**The June 2013 Annual Meeting set the amount of dues for 2014 at \$25.00.**

See text of newsletter – only Regular members pay, not Auxiliary, Honorary, or (Chapter) Life.

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TEMDU, TDY, TAD periods of less than 1 year

**2014 DUES ARE DUE AND PAYABLE AT THIS TIME – NOT LATER THAN 31 DEC.**

Questions go to John Martins, Treasurer, 508.392.9102, john.martins@comcast.net, or the editor.

**Make check payable to Cape Cod Chapter, MOAA.**

Mail to CCC MOAA, PO Box 1553, Mashpee MA 02649-1553.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ check # \_\_\_\_\_

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